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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – March 21, 2021

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Sunday, March 21, 2021, DHHS announced 241 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 2.4%. Today's results include 181 people who tested positive by PCR test and 60 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,377 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **3/20: 241** new cases

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are 40 individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 52% being female and 48% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (68), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (33), Strafford (33), Merrimack (22), Cheshire (13), Coos (6), Belknap (5), Grafton (4), Carroll (3), and Sullivan (2) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (15) and Nashua (23). The county of residence is being determined for 14 new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.

There are currently 72 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 80,543 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated March 21, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	80,543
Recovered	76,949 (96%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,217 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,377
Current Hospitalizations	72
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	648,883
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	38,401
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	N/A
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	90

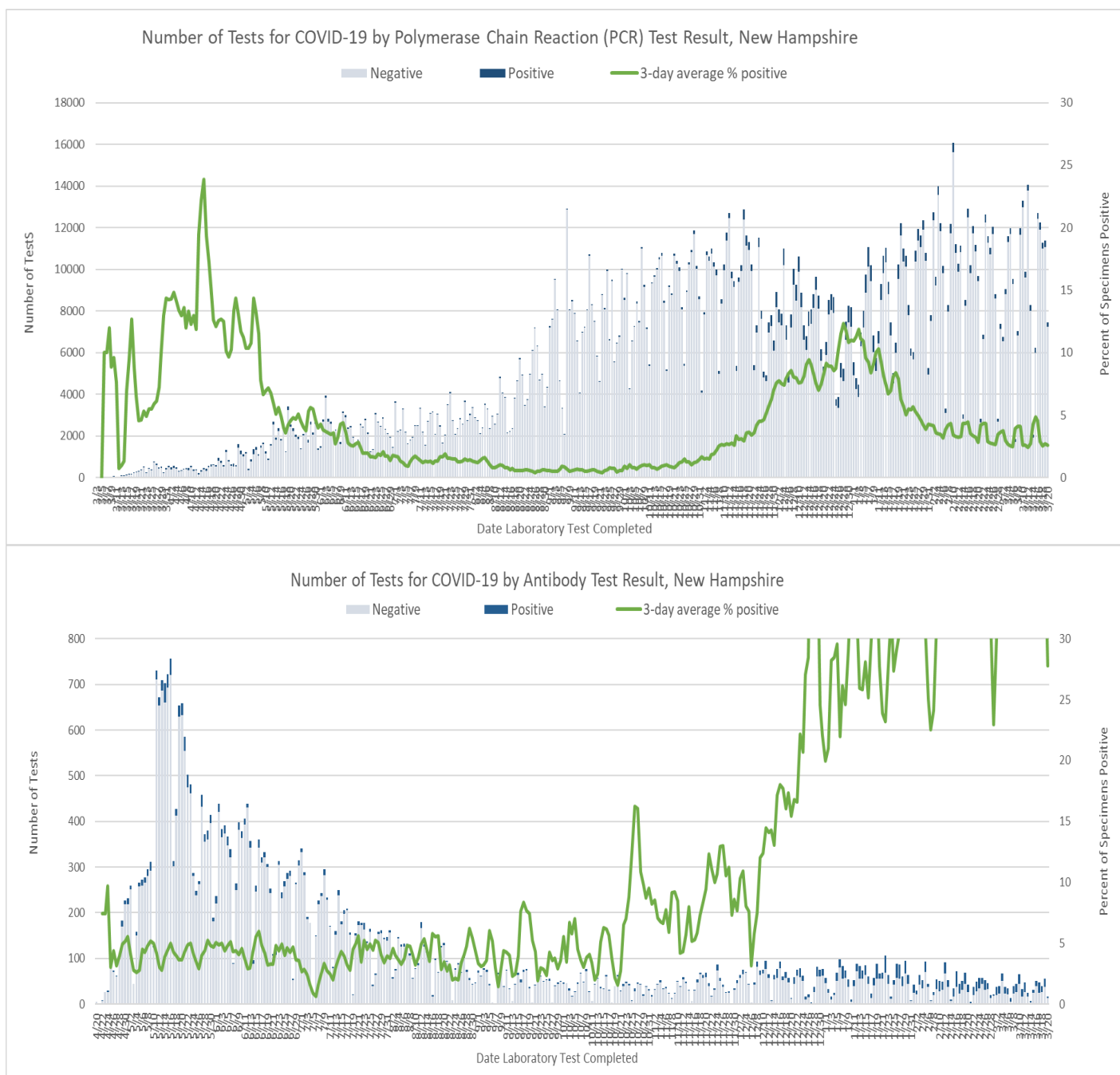
₁Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

†Includes specimens tested at the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL), LabCorp, Quest, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.
 ‡Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19	3/20	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	0	53	270	549	734	645	174	346
LabCorp	216	358	504	510	564	372	428	422
Quest Diagnostics	350	261	279	749	558	498	385	440
Mako Medical	17	0	627	482	65	53	23	181
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	167	204	524	406	447	488	264	357
NorDX Laboratory	39	66	515	342	377	269	114	246
Broad Institute	737	889	4,475	4,868	2,789	5,318	2,379	3,065
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	260	344	502	701	481	501	265	436
Other Laboratory*	228	308	521	863	629	535	173	465
University of New Hampshire**	63	3,742	4,502	2,763	4,636	2,703	3,231	3,091
Total	2,077	6,225	12,719	12,233	11,280	11,382	7,436	9,050
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19	3/20	Daily Average
LabCorp	0	4	8	15	10	10	0	7
Quest Diagnostics	0	5	17	18	13	20	9	12
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	1	4	5	3	10	8	5	5
NorDX Laboratory	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other Laboratory*	3	4	5	8	3	8	1	5
Total	4	20	35	45	36	46	15	29

* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not already listed in the table.
 Note: Patients who had both antibody and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are accounted for in both tables.
 ** Includes tests conducted at the UNH laboartory and their contracted lab Veritas.



[NH DHHS Daily Update on COVID-19 Archive](#)

For more information, please visit the DHHS COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.nh.gov/covid19>.

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